

Snow and ice accumulations--Duty of abutting property owners

It's that time of year again when snow and ice begin to show up on our public sidewalks.

Snow Removal Requirements

The city reminds residents to help keep sidewalks clear for everyone's safety. Snow is required to be removed within **24 hours** of having fallen or accumulated.

For snow and ice on or across any public sidewalk, it is the owner, occupant, tenant or lessee of the premises adjacent to or abutting upon the sidewalk to remove the snow or cause the snow to be removed.



Ice Removal

When immediate removal is impractical, the owner, occupant, lessee or tenant shall immediately cause suitable abrasives or chemicals to be strewn upon the ice in such a manner and in such quantities as to prevent the sidewalk from being slippery and dangerous to pedestrians using the sidewalk, and the ice shall be removed at the earliest possible moment thereafter. (*Sec. 74-22. Sidewalk obstructions; snow and ice accumulations--Duty of abutting property owners.*)

Please be reminded not to push snow and or ice onto or across public streets. Do not place snow, ice or other debris onto public sidewalks or right of way/terrace. (*Sec. 66-242. Snow, ice or debris.*)

Penalties

Anyone neglecting to keep any public sidewalk in front of, adjacent to or abutting upon any property owned or occupied by them free from snow, ice, dirt, rubbish, debris or other obstruction or foreign matter, for a period of 24 consecutive hours or more, the City of Albion may, without further notice, clean the public sidewalk (*Refer to: Sec. 74-23. (a)(b) Same-by city*). The cost of clean-up, 10% administrative fee, plus an abatement fee of \$100.00 per Council Resolution, can be charged and assessed against the premises.

In addition, this is a Civil Infraction under Sec. 1-26. Municipal civil infractions. A civil infraction fine can be assessed: First Offense \$50.00, Repeat Offense (or subsequent) \$100.00.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Office at 517-629-7189.

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